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Gentlemen,

I am not a legal authority. I cannot say what is and what is not a monopoly.

What I do know, however, is that Microsoft purchased the legal rights to the "wheel." This is not their fault.

A lot of businesses went along for the ride and profited. Some businesses did not and they are the ones who believe Microsoft is wrong.

The public of which I am a member, also profited. Because of Microsoft, we could easily exchange data. We did not have five different operating systems. We all spoke the same language.

As DOS was upgraded and later Windows, the charges were minimal. Twenty dollars, thirty dollars at the most, sometimes less. Windows a little more, but not out of the range of the buyer. Did the competition want them to give out the upgrades at no charge? Their products were certainly not free!

Did Microsoft violate any laws or did they practice tough business procedures? I don't know.

Did they cross over the line and hurt the public. I don't think so.

It is my understanding that our system of justice is to protect the citizens and not to help one business over the other.

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